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1. The following Soviet troop shipments were observed between 18 and 21 February: 25X1

Date in
February

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From	To	Unit
Esperstaedt	Altengrabow	10th Howitzer Brigade

Rosslieben	Ohrdruf	655th Howitzer Regiment of 57th Guards Rifle Division
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Meiningen	Ohrdruf	936th Guards Howitzer Regiment of 39th Guards Rifle Division
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Plauen	Ohrdruf	unknown
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Dresden Area	Ohrdruf	unknown
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Zeitz	Glauchau	220th Heavy Tank and SP Regiment
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2. At noon on 25 February, about 150 trucks of the 8th Guards Army, including 25 vehicles occupied by about 20 soldiers each, six field kitchens, six radio trucks, four AA guns and eight 120 mm mortars were observed proceeding from the direction

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of Leipzig toward Holleben, via Merseburg and Ammendorf.

3. On 21 February, a column of about 150 trucks, 25 x 57 mm AT guns and mortars loaded on trucks of the 10th Guards Tank Division entered the Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg. The column came from the direction of Butterlake-Hohenstuecken. On 25 February, elements of the 20th Army AT Brigade were entrained in Brandenburg.²
4. On 21 and 22 February, three trains were loaded with 75 tanks at the Satzkorn railroad station. The shipment was to be dispatched to the barracks installations in Krampnitz.
5. At 0915 hours on 2 March, an AAA unit of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army was detrained at Jueterbog. At 1015 hours, a train carrying a unit of the 63rd AAA Division proceeded through Jueterbog in a southwesterly direction. 25X1
6. On 2 March, a train loaded with eleven T-34/85 tanks and four to six trucks was seen near the spur track leading to the ammunition depot at Gerwisch, near Magdeburg. The train, which also included several boxcars, was bound for Halberstadt.
7. Motor vehicle traffic was observed passing through Rerik toward the Wustrow AAA range on 17 February. Large quantities of briquettes were delivered to the Rerik bakery. Firing by heavy AA guns was heard at noon on both 17 and 18 February. No target tow planes were seen.³
8. On 23 February, 46 T-43(sic) tanks, trucks and motorcycles were observed in the wooded area southeast of Frankendorf, near Neuruppin. On 1 March, the Panzer Kaserne was lightly occupied, while the other barracks in Neuruppin were occupied to capacity.

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units of the 10th Howitzer Brigade participated in the exercises held by the XXIX Guards Rifle Corps in the Gera- Zeitz- Lössa area.
2. Comment. The vehicles observed on 21 February returned from the exercises of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army which were completed in the Rathenow area. On 25 February, troops were dispatched from Brandenburg to Schwerin-Goerris.
3. Comment. The motor vehicles observed proceeding to the Wustrow AAA range belonged to the GOFQ and to units of the IV Artillery Corps located in Rostock and on Ruegen. [redacted] 25X1

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